

# Mid-Rivers

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## VIA ECFS

March 20, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission Service Under Tariff

CC Docket No. 02-33  
WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to the 2006 *Wireline Broadband Classification Order*<sup>1</sup> and the 2016 *Rate-of-Return Reform Order*,<sup>2</sup> Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is hereby providing the FCC with the attached notice of the Cooperative's discontinuance of common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff including the consumer broadband-only loop (CBOL) service, effective July 1, 2017.

In addition, following the notice to the FCC is the notice that Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. furnished its affiliated Internet service provider, which is presently the only customer of the Cooperative's broadband Internet access transmission service.

A copy of this notice is also being sent to the Montana Public Service Commissioners, the Governor of Montana, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael Candelaria  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-33 *et al.*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-150 (rel. Sept. 23, 2005), para. 101 (*Wireline Broadband Classification Order*).

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016), para. 193 (*Rate-of-Return Reform Order*).

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To: Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
d/b/a Mid-Rivers Internet

From: Michael Candelaria, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Date: March 20, 2017

RE: Notice of Detariffing of Broadband Internet Access Transmission and Consumer  
Broadband-Only Loop Service

This is to notify you of a change in the way in which Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service, which is used as an input for the broadband Internet access services that you offer to residential and business end-user customers.

Presently, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Effective July 1, 2017, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will no longer offer its broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service under the NECA tariff. Instead, it will offer the service as part of a complete broadband internet access service on a private carriage basis.

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. detariffed broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL services will be offered throughout the entirety of the Cooperative's service area. This includes the following exchanges:

Baker	Bloomfield	Carlyle	Circle
Custer	East Carlyle	Ekalaka	Fallon
Grass Range	Jordan	Lambert	Lavina
Lindsay	Melstone	Musselshell	North Ryegate
Plevna	Richey	Rock Springs	Roundup
Roy	Ryegate	Savage	South Wolf Point
Terry	West Glendive	West Sidney	Winnett

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**Study Area Code 482246**

**Notice of Discontinuance of Common Carrier Broadband Internet Access Transmission  
Service Under a Tariff Basis**

**CC Docket No. 02-33**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. currently offers common carrier broadband Internet access transmission service under tariff through the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby provides notice that the Cooperative has requested from NECA that it remove the Cooperative as a provider of Digital Subscriber Line Access and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop Services under Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, July 1, 2017.

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will continue to provide broadband Internet access transmission service as part of a complete broadband internet access service on a private carriage basis.

The permissive detariffing of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. broadband Internet access transmission service will apply to the entirety of the Cooperative's study area. This includes the following exchanges:

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Presently, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. only customer for its broadband Internet access transmission service is the Cooperative's own non-regulated Internet service provider (ISP) affiliate. The Cooperative's affiliated ISP purchases broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service for use as an input to the retail broadband Internet access services it offers to residential and business end-user customers. The discontinuance of the tariffed offering of broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL will have no effect on the end-user services provided by the Cooperative's affiliated ISP.

On March 20, 2017, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. furnished its affiliated ISP with the attached memorandum, which notifies the ISP of the Cooperative's plan to discontinue its



provisioning of broadband Internet access transmission and CBOL service under tariff and to continue providing such service on a private carriage basis.

cc: Governor of Montana; Governor Steve Bullock  
Montana Public Service Commission; Chairman Brad Johnson  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense